

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2006, Applicants amend the claims and request consideration of the remarks that follow. In this response, Applicants cancel claims 5-17. Claims 1-3 were amended previously. Accordingly, claims 1-4 remain pending in this Application.

In the February 7, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner required an election of claims 1-6 and certain amendment to claims 5-6. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview in which the restriction requirement was clarified. In response, Applicants cancel claims 5-17 without traverse.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 1928-14 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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